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Public Meeting  
Regional Services Council  
Region 10  
November 19, 2010, 9 a.m.  
4150 North Keystone Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

### **Council Members in Attendance**

J. Hubartt, Reg. 10 Dir., DCS, Chair; P. Surbey, Dep. Dir., DCS; M. McGeney, Division Mgr., DCS; J. Brees., FCM, DCS; B. Ping, Juv. Ct; Mag. Diana Burleson, Juv. Ct., Proxy for Judge G. Chavers; S. Anderson, Supe, DCS, Proxy for K. Reid; C. Ball, Juv. Probation; P. Haughan, MCPO; S. Wilken, Supe., DCS; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; A. Foxworthy, Supe., DCS; K. Bullington, DCS Legal Counsel

### **Visitors**

D. Wimer, Lutheran Child & Family Services; J. Klein, Children's Bureau; L. Wrestler, Bethany; G. Hurd, Resolute, Resource, Options, Success; T. Chandler, Community Assets; J. Dalton, A. Knapp & G. Kalal, Damar Services; S. Kegl, Jr. A. Brown, K. Carlson & S. Kegl, Sr., Midwest Psychological; A. Johnson, Gallahue; L. Franklin, Reach for Youth; J. Kelley & N. Holland, Adult and Child; K. Shields & T. Dent, Choices; K. Edgemon, The Villages; B. Van Devender, NYAP; L. Goldberg-Mitton, PassWord Cmty. Mentoring; R. Burgbacher, Emberwood Center; D. Augenbergs, Midtown CMHC; J. Zinnerman, Centerstone-Foster Care Select; Y. Hampton, Wernle; C. Benson & R. Henry-Baker, Children's Sanctuary; J. Tidwell, Lifeline; K. Stevenson, Alliance For Life; L. Green, Family Works; J. Young, Indiana Mentor; M. Chamberlin & S. Piller, DCS; L. Highley

### **Introduction of Members/Housekeeping**

Council members introduced themselves and determined a quorum was present. October minutes were approved and should be posted within ten days.



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Chair referred to mention of the budget in the minutes. Preliminary numbers show that at this time we are just a few percentage points above where we should be at this time. The Budget Group—she, RFM, the Court, and Juvenile—already met once and will continue to meet on a regular basis to monitor the budget and create strategies as necessary. So far I'm "very encouraged by the collaborative efforts of the Court and Probation and the Agency as well as the providers to continue to maintain fiscal integrity while still delivering quality services to the families and children we serve." We'll continue to keep you updated as we get information."

### **Needs Assessment**

*Midwest Institute, Inc*

Dr. Keglar presented Midwest's proposal to be an LCPA specializing in serving African-American, Hispanic, and Special Needs children with developmental delays. The focus will be on older youth 14-18 years of age. Through the Hamilton Center, Midwest developed methods of recruiting African-American and Hispanic families, traditionally a difficult task. In addition to recruiting a new pool of families, Midwest would assist youth transitioning to Independent and adult living, identify special needs youth and provide services to them and provide mental health care (available in-house). The budget is based on serving 30 families with about 30-40 children.

Dr. Keglar declined to provide specifics about his recruitment methods, but did state that the groundwork had been laid. Midwest is already a Level II DDARS provider for several years and would serve mild to moderately developmentally disabled kids.

McGeney would like to see the assessment and budget before voting on it. Ping and others agreed. Chair stated that she had received an electronic copy of the assessment after it was submitted to Central Office, but had not shared it with members. If Dr. Keglar forwarded his budget to her, she would share both docs with members. He agreed. McGeney moved to table a vote until receipt and review of a budget. Ping seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

### **Probation—FYI**

RSC has allocated funds for FYI and previous minutes reflected that Probation would provide an update in November. K. Riley presented the update on funding and whether the program would stay as is or be moved in-house.

It was decided to keep FYI in-house and it is now part of RSR; Law Enforcement has only one place to bring kids. After processing they are moved to a non-secure area. Probation still anticipates receiving Prevention Fund dollars. Two staff have been designated, including one supervisor to oversee program. Nothing will change except staffing and oversight. Year-to-date through October FYI has had about 2,600 referrals. The majority are 14-17 years old but about 230 are under 12. Status offences total 1200 with 1084 being for runaway. They have about 85 percent success in returning kids home. Twelve percent have returned for a second referral, about 12 percent are referred to shelter care and about 3 percent come through DCS for placement. At this time about 138 are on case management.



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Chair confirmed that funds previously allocated will continue to fund the program for CY 2011 (2nd half of FY 2010, Jan.-June).

### **RFP Process**

Chair introduced M. Chamberlin, our new Regional Coordinator, who replaces Mary Roth of Roth and Associates. Her areas are regions 10 and 11. She has field experience, having been a Family Case Manager.

Chair reminded audience of important dates in the RFP process. RFPs will be released on 12/1. A bidders' conference is scheduled from 10a-noon on 12/2. The deadline for questions is 12/9. After that we'll get proposals back and begin scoring. We plan to form teams and set up meetings before the next RSC meeting. The deadline for RFP submissions is 2/19.

### **Other Updates/ Business**

An update on the Child Welfare Services dollars spend down showed they are right on target at this point. Dr. Hibbard provided info on the Safe Sleep program showing that 256 cribs were issued to 247 families (includes some twins) in the third quarter of the year, an increase of 23 cribs over the previous quarter. Dr. Hibbard feels they are reaching their target population: 40 percent of children were deemed to be in unsafe sleep situations prior to receiving their cribs; 30 percent of families claimed no knowledge of safe sleep practices. Referrals were from Wishard (53 percent), Clarian (19 percent), MCHD (15 percent), DCS (5 percent), and other sources (8 percent).

We've already purchased and distributed some products from the Safety Store. Children's Bureau indicates they have had few claims for Darkness to Light, Reach For Youth DV and Family Services DV and Substance Abuse. Chair encouraged DCS and Probation to utilize these services as needed.

Surbey reported that she met with Safety Store yesterday to decide whether to wait for the first of the year to make another purchase. The plan is for Safety Store to submit a budget and make a purchase in February for release in March and staff training. They are considering a warm weather theme, concentrating on bicycle and water safety, outlet plugs, and door locks because of kids who get out of their homes.

They also looked at carbon monoxide and smoke detectors as they are low cost. They hope to partner with IMPD for gun safety and plan to meet with IMPD in January.

Surbey will get with staff within next week to get referrals for safety products to distribute during Christmas Drive. We'll focus on kids in home and relative care and get packets prepared for them.

Chair took the time to thank providers for their patience and understanding as DCS has centralized many accounting, services and programs. The billing, referral, etc., changes can be tedious and



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frustrating. She and Surbey spend much time trying to investigate issues and getting answers or the right person to answer a question for providers.

Surbey reported that CAC and the Prosecutor's office had a Fire Safety Fair recently. Over 100 kids attended. Peyton Manning Children's Hospital participated. The BMV sent its van and 86 kids had their IDs taken. The Safety Store had a booth and educated families as they passed out products. A week later we had a Provider Fair in conjunction with staff Fall Festival. We plan to try to hold a provider fair quarterly, perhaps themed

#### **Public Announcements/Comments**

None presented.

#### **Adjournment**

There was no more business and meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2011 in the same conference room at 4150 N. Keystone.



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